

Thanksgiving

The toil of the summer is over, the crops have been garnered, and it is right and proper now that we should stop for a few moments and turn our thoughts, and render our thanks to the great giver of every good and perfect gift, for bounties we enjoy and the general prosperity of the country. We would be very indignant should any one accuse us of being ungrateful for the favors accorded us; but there is a law of nature that decrees that if man will not use a faculty or power, he shall not retain it, and the spirit of thankfulness is not exercised as much as it should be. In this excited and feverish race of life, we simply snatch its many blessings without stopping to think of the source from whence they came, and we are slowly, but surely, losing this principle of gratitude, and as the general prosperity increases, we are withdrawing more and more into the little circles of self.

As we become more and more independent of each other, we become more and more selfish, exacting and ungrateful not only toward the Lord but toward each other. But let Thanksgiving Day remind us that we should be grateful; and gratitude, like other human principles, comes to us by cultivation, either from pressure of circumstances or from self imposed discipline. But in these prosperous times, few of us take the trouble to impose much self discipline, or to cultivate the noble principle of thankfulness, but give full rein to all the selfish instincts of the animal nature, and especially to the greed for money getting; and out of this state of affairs grow all the strifes of the home and country; all the strikes and convulsions arising from the contentions between anarchy, which attempts to extort that which is not freely given, and the only remedy that we see for this festering State of affairs is some awful calamity, which shall wring from us the fragrance of human sympathy, or some tremendous impulse that will cause the people to put a check upon the selfish propensities and compel us to acknowledge our mutual dependence upon each other as well as upon the Lord of Heaven. So, welcome this Thanksgiving Day and let us learn a lesson of gratitude which shall bring us, instead of a curse, a blessing from our universal prosperity.

Of all our national holidays none is more universal or more joyously celebrated than that of Thanksgiving Day. Though of New England origin and for many years confined almost exclusively to that section, it has slowly but surely extended itself all over our great country.

SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNTY COURT

The County Court of St. Francois county held a special session of the regular November term on Friday, Saturday and Monday, Nov. 21, 22 and 24, for the purpose of attending to a little unfinished business of that meeting.

The following proceedings were had: Luther H. Elders makes application for School Fund loan of \$2,500, which matter was continued until Monday, Dec. 1st.

It is ordered that Collector J. E. Brewer return as erroneous \$1,800 in the assessment of personal property of J. H. Orten for 1919.

It is ordered that Collector J. E. Brewer return as erroneous \$980 in the assessment of personal property of Frank Schaffer for 1919.

August Sherman, of Bonne Terre, is granted license for keeping a pool hall.

His Guardian Angel



Lights Off From 11 P. M. to 5 A. M.

Beginning Wednesday night, Nov. 26th, and continuing until further notice, all electric lights will be turned out from 11 p. m. until 5 a. m. each night. Such action has been thought necessary owing to the critical coal situation, which apparently fails to improve.

All consumers are also urged to conserve to the greatest possible extent in the use of water, as the pumping of water means the consumption of coal. C. A. TETLEY, Mayor.

Smith Draws Fifteen Years

The evidence and argument in the trial of Ed. Smith, for the killing of Raymond Albaugh, was given into the hands of the jury Tuesday night about 10 o'clock. The jury went carefully over the evidence until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning when they returned a verdict of guilty, and assessed Smith's punishment at 15 years in the penitentiary.

The case will evidently not be appealed, as, according to public sentiment, which has been quite freely expressed, such sentence is the lightest that could have been expected, when the evidence is carefully weighed and considered.

State Sunday School Convention

The fifty-third annual convention of the Missouri Sunday School Association, held in Kansas City, Nov. 18-21, was attended by more than twenty-one hundred registered delegates. The following officers were elected: Wm. H. Danforth, President, Ralston, Purina Co., St. Louis, president; R. A. Long, President Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, vice-president; Lansing F. Smith, President American Educational Society, St. Louis, treasurer.

Members Executive Committee: C. C. Brown, Ethlyn; J. W. Callahan, Mexico; Clyde Martin, Macon; Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Kirksville; S. K. Turner, Carrollton; Oscar D. Kochan, Maysville; P. E. Low, Tarkio; G. B. Roseberry, Maryville; Dr. J. P. Gill, Richmond; E. M. Birkes, St. Joseph; Frank W. Rucker, Independence; O. J. Hill, Kansas City; D. P. Gribben, Kansas City; Ira E. Melton, Sedalia; C. T. Orr, Webb City; W. J. Dysart, Springfield; Mrs. Sam Preston, Willow Springs; Hugh Stephens, Jefferson City; C. C. Carson, Jefferson City; Jos. Ashcraft, Poplar Bluff; C. B. Denman, Farmington; Wm. Stubblefield, Cape Girardeau; John A. Bush, W. Palmer Clarkson, J. W. Fristoe, Christian Bernet, G. H. Tenbroek and Herbert S. Gardner, St. Louis.

The convention theme was, "The Community." Especial emphasis was laid upon:

1. The imperative need of Christianity today, not as an acceptance of dogma, but as a way of living.
2. The place of the Sunday school as a fundamental institution in the religious education of the community.
3. The organization and administration of Sunday schools by laymen—business men and educators—in conjunction with church officers to make them efficient.
4. The place of music and art in religious education.
5. The "Social Gospel"—the part the Sunday school must play in creating a social consciousness and the task of Americanization.

The program of the State Association was enlarged by:

1. Increase in budget and in employed staff.
2. Instead of one State Convention, three regional conventions will be held in 1920.
3. A state-wide conference of State, County, City and District Association officers (only) will be held in 1920.
4. More intensive work through the county associations.
5. Another state-wide Go to Sunday School Day on Oct. 24, 1920.

JOHN J. CUNDIFF DEAD

John J. Cundiff, clerk in the office of Secretary of State John L. Sullivan at Jefferson City, died Sunday morning in that city of pneumonia, after a very brief illness. He had worked in the office on the preceding Saturday, but in the afternoon he had gone home early as he was not feeling well. Saturday night he was taken seriously ill, and died about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Deceased was 54 years old. The remains were taken to his home in Sedalia for interment.

John Cundiff was reared in Farmington, where he spent many years of his life, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cundiff, and his brother, George, still reside here. Most of John Cundiff's life was spent in newspaper work, and he has worked on many papers throughout the country. He has also edited a number of papers, and was a forceful and fluent writer.

"John J. Cundiff never went back on a friend," was the comment of Secretary of State Sullivan, on hearing of the death of his employee. His many old time friends in this community extend to the bereaved family sincere and heartfelt sympathy in deep affliction.

Among the many football fans that attended the football game at Flat River last Saturday were: Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Linn Rariden, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Harry Dobbins.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas, we have lived to see the passing of the ravages of war, the return of our millions of soldiers, victors in the battle for freedom and liberty, imbued with a deeper love for American institutions and the American flag, and have resumed the avocations of peace and constructive enterprises; and

Whereas, a kind Providence has caused our fields to yield an abundant harvest, has freed us from the pestilence that swept the country a twelve-month ago and has blessed us with health; and

Whereas, never in the history of the nation have the people had greater cause for thankfulness, notwithstanding the problems of readjustment and reconstruction which have shaken our industrial institutions to their very foundations. We are thankful to Almighty God that the sober, sound, common sense of the people has prevailed and the fundamental principles of our government have not been shattered but are still supreme.

Therefore, I, Frederick D. Gardner, Governor of the Commonwealth of Missouri, in keeping with a custom of the nation since the time of the Pilgrim Fathers, do proclaim

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.

A. D. 1919,

a day of THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER and call upon the people of this good State to observe the day in their homes and houses of worship in a fervent spirit of thankfulness to Almighty God for his manifold mercies and kindnesses upward, and to pray that we may live worthily, that out of our abundance we may succor the needy and out of our strength we may help the weak.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri.

Done at the City of Jefferson this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the Commonwealth the ninety-ninth.

FREDERICK D. GARDNER.

(SEAL) By the Governor: JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Secretary of State.

Vocational Education

Impressed with the idea that occupational therapy, in the treatment of the mentally ill, should receive more adequate attention, Dr. J. L. Eaton, Superintendent of State Hospital No. 4, has instituted a department of occupational therapy. The officers and employees are actively and generously co-operating in this meritorious work. A well balanced day in which various kinds of work, mingled with recreation, games, moving pictures and amusements, will create a new interest in life and crowd out many fixed ideas and delusions. This kind of vocational training and education is possible and feasible. In fact, the possibilities in this work are limited only by the opportunities offered.

Patients are entitled to a life of occupation that can best be served with the grade of mentality they possess. The purpose will be to train them in those things that come within their capacity. The wards will be more abundantly provided with games, current literature, daily and weekly papers, and there will also be pleasant entertainments, concerts, and every other evening, a moving picture show, as well as appropriate chapel services every Sunday afternoon. All holidays will be appropriately observed.

State Hospital No. 4 is looking forward with great anticipation to the on-coming year, and the beneficial results they expect from occupational therapy, industry and diversion. Great good is expected to result from this new work cure and habit training department at the enterprising institution.

Big Masonic Entertainment

Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd, Uel Royal Arch Chapter of Masons at Bonne Terre are preparing to entertain every member of the Masonic fraternity in St. Francois county, with the members of their families, at a lecture, musical and social which will be given in the big new Methodist church at Bonne Terre.

The affair is said by members of the Royal Arch to be the outgrowth of a sermon preached some time ago by Rev. Eaker of the Methodist church, from the subject, "The Stone Which the Builders Rejected"—this being previous to the time Rev. Eaker was a member of the Royal Arch. The lecture will be indeed a treat. The music by a special choir will be appropriate to the time, the subject and the occasion.

After the lecture there will be a lunch in the commodious basement of the church.

The members of the Royal Arch at Bonne Terre are preparing for a great time and a cordial invitation is extended every member of the Masonic fraternity in St. Francois county, of whatever degree, to come and bring the family.

I. L. Page, High Priest of the Chapter, assures the Times that everyone who comes will have a splendid time and be welcome.

Monarch Theatre

COMING ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, NOV. 28
CHARLES RAY, IN
"PLAYING THE GAME"
Also a Two-Reel Keystone Comedy—
"HIS BITTER PILL"

SATURDAY, NOV. 29
"The Great Gamble" ... Third Episode
PATHE NEWS NO. 92
"Dutiful Dub" Lloyd Comedy

MONDAY, DEC. 1
FORD EDUCATIONAL WEEKLY
ALSO, MARIE OSBORN, IN
"OLD MAID'S BABY"

TUESDAY, DEC. 2
ELSIE FERGUSON, IN
"SONG OF SONGS"

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3
MABEL NORMAND, IN
"PECK'S BAD GIRL"

THURSDAY, DEC. 4
WM. DESMOND, IN
"Life's a Funny Proposition"
Also a Comedy—
"How to be Happy, Though Married"

First Show Begins at 7:30 P. M.

Admission: Children over 6 under 12, 10c; adults 15c.

Foot Ball Boys Given Banquet

The Farmington High School Football Squad was highly entertained at a banquet in the basement of the M. E. Church, South, on Tuesday night, the 25th. The banquet was planned and given by the High School girls, assisted by Mesdames J. B. Graves, U. S. G. Evans, Geo. A. Tetley, Harry Dobbins, Lynn Rariden, W. L. Johns, and Misses Myra Dobbins, and Hazel Ruth Counts.

The basement of the church, which is a most delightful place for such affairs, was beautifully decorated in High School colors, pennants, and cut flowers. Covers were laid for sixty-six guests and practically all places were well filled. The menu consisted of chicken and dressing, green peas, fruit salad, ice cream and wafers, and cocoa. The football boys and invited guests attacked with real football zeal and ran up a pretty good score but were unable to dispose of all the eatables in sight.

THE F. H. S. SQUAD OF NINETEEN

Now listen to me, for I say what I mean, While I toast it up for the Squad of Nineteen.

There was Simms, "Ted," Oscar, "Bud," Glenwood and Jack, John, David, Bill Tucker, Bill Swink, and Mack, Blomeyer, and Matkin, Garner, King, and Hughes, With "Nellie," Less Evans, and "Springy" to use.

Sure, there on the field was our good "Happy" Haile, Though to officiate, he neglected the mail. The Coach was right there, with a crippled hand, To inject grit, pepper, and plenty of sand.

While always on the job, was Manager Dan, Boosting and helping every good man; "Down there in line, now, Ingram, I say! Tucker and Jack, open up for that play!"

So they smashed right in, those "hard boiled" brats, And began to break shoulders, arms, and "elats;" While Dr. Graves "stood by" to mend broken bones, And encourage the lads in low solemn tones.

It was football on land, and football in air, And the folk on the side line did yell and rear. A score of feet went up and heads went down, And the whole struggling mass went 'round and 'round.

They circled the ends and went right through, 'Til they counted points—TWO HUNDRED TWO; Then under those runs they surely did dive, And held their opponents to bare EIGHTY-FIVE.

All the good women, and the jolly girls, too, Stood forever by the team, the whole way through; And after the very last score had been read, They prepared for the lads this wonderful "spread."

Here's health to the team, here's honor to them all; Here is homage to the sport—to clean football. It always SEEMS hard, and it often IS rough, But it makes the boys' bodies healthy and tough.

So, when we all grow old, and wrinkled, and lean, We'll still whoop it up for the SQUAD OF NINETEEN.

The entire banquet was one of the most delightful social affairs ever given of the football boys, but the commendation of the public, for a most excellent and well planned work, was the ladies having same in charge.